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REPORT

OF THE

TOWN AFFAIRS

OF

LEBANON, FEB. 21, 1852.

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REPORT.

AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 11, 1851, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE PASSED.

To raise the sum of $2000 to defray the necessary charges and expenses of the Town the ensuing year :—

To raise the sum of $1000 to repair the highways the ensuing year in this Town :—

Voted, that the auditors make a full and detailed report on all matters appertaining to the Selectmen's accounts, and have their report printed and ready for distribution four days, at least, before the annual town meeting—and the Selectmen have their accounts ready so that the auditors may commence their examination by the 20th day of February next.

Chose CLARK HOUGH, JOHN WOOD, Wm. R. BARRON, } Auditors on the Selectmen's Accounts.

The Auditors appointed at the last annual meeting to examine and audit the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen of Lebanon, respectfully submit the following statement of the condition of the affairs of said Town, Feb. 21, 1852.

E. P. LISCOMB, C. C. BENTON AND T. D. SMITH,

1851. RECEIPTS.

March	13	Cash received of former Selectmen,	$ 84,04
"	22	" W. K. Eldridge, collector last year,	60,00
"	29	A. Conant for wool of 1850	113,50
April	8	Stevens & Perley for butter of 1850,	20,00
"	12	County of Grafton for Pauper account,	576,14
"	26	Horace Hatch for 2 Steers,	26,00
June	7	Solon Peck on highway bill of 1850,	8,62
"	"	Warren Low on highway bill,	90
"	13	Bank of Lebanon, (borrowed,)	875,00
July	1	State Treasurer for bounty paid on Crows,	70,50
"	"	do. do. Literary Fund,	81,82
"	25	H. R. Stevens for 262 1-2 lbs. wool at 45 cts.,	118,12
Aug.	9	For Circus License,	30,00
"	15	For Caravan License and use of Common,	35,00
"	"	For Oxen Sold,	102,50
Dec.	23	State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	1,044,61
1852.			
Jan.	13	John Ela, rent of School fund,	20,00
"	"	James Wood for 15 Sheep,	26,50
Feb.	14	W. K. Eldridge School fund,	18,20
"	"	Moses Childs for Dan'l. Peabody, cow,	25,00
"	16	Tax bill of 1851, amounting to,	4,913,97
"	"	Bank highway tax of 1851,	27,84
"	"	Calvin Benton for lumber,	4,00
			$8,282,26

SELECTMEN OF LEBANON.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax for 1851,	$ 544,80
County tax for 1851,	1,045,62
Support of County Paupers,	622,37
Support of Town Paupers not on the Farm,	161,98
Town Farm expenses and improvements,	332,88
School Districts, ballance due them of 1850,	279,95
School District in part for 1851,	655,50
Ordinary and incidental expenses of Town to Feb. 21, 1852,	404,69
Caleb Foster award for new road laid out in 1850,	40,00
Benj. Gallop award for damage and cost of new road laid out in 1849,	421,02
Bounty on Crows,	70,50
Engine men, three dollars each,	90,00
Chas. Shedd, County Commissioner Common Schools,	25,00
Abatements on tax bill	64,45
Highways and repair of Bridges,	106.22
Planks for highways,	48,66
Repairing Town House,	103,10
Sundry Notes and Interest,	2,336,37
Uncollected Taxes,	660,90
A. L. Babcock services on town farm for 1850,	100,00
A. L. Babcock services on town farm for 1851,	108,00
Cash on hand,	60,25
	$8,282,26

ORDINARY AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN TO FEB. 21, 1852, AMOUNTING TO $404,69.

Paid Dan'l. Richardson tolling bell W. Lebanon for 1850,	$ 2,00
H. R. Stevens Stationary,	75
W. K. Eldredge services settling County Paupers account,	2,00
B. S. Downer repairing bell rope,	1,73
N. H. Mutual fire Insurance Co. assessments,	48,16
A. C. Hardy for enrolling and return of Malitia,	3,00
W. R. Benton clearing off the Common after the caravan,	1,00
B. L. Greenough Jr. repairing hearse,	1,00
G. S. Towle printing School Report,	8,00
M. Partridge & Co. Guide board,	1,50
C. C. Benton paid express obtaining Railroad tax,	50
G. Ticknor term fees and retainer several cases 1850 and '51,	22,17
W. H. Duncan taking affidavits, term fees, retainer &c Hardy road case,	15,00
R. S. Howe measuring making estimates &c. H. Wood bridge,	5,00
A. Allen investigating Humphrey Wood bridge case,	2,00
Wm. Cole do do	4,00
J. Wood do and making report,	6,00
D. Storrs Jr. witness in said case	1,00
W. Kimball do do	1,00
J. Elliott do do	50
E. Blaisdell services 2 days Z. Eldredge road,	5,00
E. F. Hough witness in Cole case 1850,	1,00
D. Richardson tolling bell W. Lebanon 1851,	2,00
C. L. Buswell care of clock, and tolling bell from April 24, 1851, to April 24 1852,	15,00
T. Kenrick services town Clerk, notifying jurors recording and returns,	11,67
G. S. Kendrick office rent for Selectmen,	15,00
D. A. Richardson Superintending School Committee,	4,00
Chas. A. Downs do do do 13 1-2 days,	13,50
James Wood do do do 13 days,	13,00
C. Benton Postage,	2,46
Sturtevant and Amsden gate for burying ground,	3,75
W. R. Benton repairing fence do	1,00
E. P. Liscomb services as selectman,	69,50
C. C. Benton do do	71,50
T. D. Smith do do	50.00
	$404,69

SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS NOT ON THE FARM AMOUNTING TO $161,78.

Paid D. Pickernail for boarding Wm. Amsden nine weeks,	$13,50
J. Johnson house rent, use of cow and provisions for Holder Packard,	19,20
J. Hardy support of Margaret Hardy one year to Mar. 5 1852,	52,00
A. K. Knight support of Mrs. Aldrich from Sept. 18, 1851 to Sept. 18, 1852,	26,00
City of Manchester assistence for Mrs. Trowbridge,	11,12
M. Cooledge for Mrs. Ela dress and cap,	1,05
P. N. Chase 1 pr. Shoes for child,	75
Dr. Gallop attd. Mrs. Ela and T. Hardy,	1,36
H. B. Benton board and funeral charges Giles Cook,	5,98
M. Partridge & Co. coffin for same,	5,00
W. R. Benton digging grave for same,	2,00
Dr. Hubbard attending Daniel Peabody and child,	8,83
Sylvia Hazzelton 1 week and 2 days taking care D. Peadody in sickness,	3'86
Mrs. Dr. Plaistridge making robe for same,	83
M. Partridge & Co. coffin for same,	5,00
W. R. Benton digging grave and attd. funeral with hearse,	2,50
C. C. Benton paid poor persons passing along,	3,00
	$161,98

TOWN FARM EXPENSE AND IMPROVEMENTS AMOUNTING TO $332,88.

Paid Carolina Fullerton 14 weeks 5 days work from July 11 to April 21, 1851,	$14,70
Alvira Moody 8 weeks work,	9,00
C. French 2 weeks 4 1-2 days work,	8,71
J. Gorur 2 months work from May 7 to July 7, 1851,	21,33
J. Gorur 2 months 3 days work $25,50 ballance paid,	17,69
D. Lock digging ditch for Aqueduct 11 days,	5,50
S. Ward pruning apple trees 2 days,	2,00
W. W. Stickney grafting apple trees about 200,	34,00
W. H. Palmer for newspaper subscription,	2,00
E. L. Colston coat for Frary,	2,00
C. C. Benton 7 12 yds. Kerseymere for Lathe and Hardy,	6,00
C. C. Benton expense money for Thos. Hardy,	2,00
	$124,93

Amount brought forward,	$124,93
P. A. Alden repairing pick,	62
E. P. Liscomb pasturing 29 sheep 17 weeks,	6,75
J. Gustin boot between Cook Stoves, furniture and repairing pipe,	22,96
T. D. Smith 4 bushels Rye,	3,00
O. Scribner bill groceries,	8,36
G. W. Worthen groceries and goods balance of bill,	39,45
Stevens & Perley 689 lbs. plaster, manure fork &c.	5,53
Greenough & Flanders sawing 1235 ft. lumber,	2,46
E. J. Bowen harness work and trunk charged J. Gorur,	7,25
James Bly 1302 lbs. Lead pipe 7 1-2 cts.	97,65
Sturtevant & Amsden 2 watering troughs,	7,50
W. S. Ela cistern and sink,	6,00
G. S. Kendrick medicine,	42
	$332,88

HIGHWAY WORK AND REPAIR OF BRIDGES AMOUNITNG TO $106,22.

Paid O. L. Stearns 2 days highway work,	$ 2,00
J. Wood 1 day do	1,00
H. B. Benton 1 1-2 days do Oct. 1850,	1,75
W. Kimball timber and labor railing H. Wood bridge,	16,45
E. Wood repairing bridge in 1850,	1,25
J. Wood repairing Hinkley bridge,	27,50
W. Osgood 2804 ft. timber, plank, boards and joists for Osgood bridge,	22,88
L. Smith repairing Osgood bridge,	7,00
Perkins, Messer & Co. sawing 1370 ft. plank,	3,24
L. Smith repairing Staple bridge,	5,41
T. Landers 2 days work self and boy Staple bridge,	3,00
T. & A. P. Wood repairing bridge,	3,00
H. Carter rubbling abutment True bridge,	2,67
Thompson & Draper repairing bridge,	50
F. Loomer 1691 ft. timber and 164 ft. plank and repairing bridge,	9,75
	$106,22

PLANK AND TIMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, $48,66.

Paid D. C. Holmes	2 sticks timber for water course,		$ 80
E. P. Liscomb	1209 ft. plank and 4 sticks timber,		9,76
S. Dutton	520 " "		3,12
T. & A. P. Wood	2000 " "		12,00
T. Choate	164 " "		1,08
R. Elliot	244 " "		1,95
J. Wood	460 " "		3,22
T. C. Jenne	307 " "		2,00
O. L. Stearns	262 " "		1,57
J. Wood	540 " "		3,24
H. Buswell	1415 " "		9,84
	7121		$48,66

REPAIRING TOWN HOUSE AMOUNTING TO $103,10.

Paid P. A. Alden	bill iron work for vane, spire, arms &c.	$ 6,25
J. L. Drew	12 books gold leaf,	4,75
L. Smith	6 3-4 days work self and Chadwick and Morse 2,	12,00
M. Partridge & Co.	bill painting and gilding,	4,75
J. Gustin	146 ft. tinning on spire and dome,	24,34
J. Gustin	rpeairing dome,	6,25
Wm. S. Ela	10 days work 862 ft. boards and 16 lbs. nails	22,42
Simons & Durant	bill, material and labor on vane, letters &c.	22,34
		$103,10

THE TOWN IS NOW IN DEBT AS FOLLOWS VIZ :

Due Saml. & Roger Wood, notes and interest,	$ 318,00
Ira Noyes, notes and interest,	132,00
Bank of Lebanon note, and interest,	3,252,00
A. L. Babcock note and interest,	142,00
A. L. Babcock services on farm for 1851,	105,00
Caroline Fullerton for work at poor house,	40,00
Wm. Cole award for new highway damage,	87,50
Thos. Lauders award new highway,	25,00
Thos. Truman award new highway,	20,00
For support of Betsey Dewey to April 1 1852,	26,00
Collector,	40,00
School districts,	535;89
Six engine men,	18,00
	$5,041,39

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE $1,643,81.

Due from the County for support of paupers,	$747,66	
Uncollected taxes,	660,90	
From Rix & Balch as reported by committee of examination,	175,00	
Cash on hand,	60,25	1,643,81
Total debt more than assets		$3397,39

THE DEBT OF THE TOWN REPORTED LAST YEAR WAS, $5,138,37

To which should now be added the cost of settling the Gallup road damage exceeding that then reported,	$125,82	
Foster road damage do do	5,00	
Less assets, abatement on outstanding taxes,	10,94	
Bounty on Crows but has not been rec'd	20,80	
Estimate of Cheese (but bart'd from farm)	24,00	186,56
Actual debt last year,		$5,324,93
Deduct present debt,		3,397,58
Which shows the reduction of the last year debt to be provided the present assets are all collected.		$1,927,35

It will also be seen that there has been sold and appropriated from the farm,

2 Steers,	$ 26,00
Wool of 1851,	118,12
Pair of Oxen,	102,50
and 15 Sheep,	26,50
	$273,12

There has also been some improvements made on the farm as before reported.

It has became so customary for surveyors of highways to neglect to return and settle their tax bills, (scarcely one-tenth being returned) that it seems necessary the town should have some action to cause enforcement, therefore, we suggest the following vote be passed at the next annual meeting, viz:

That the Selectmen enforce the 9th Section of the 55th Chapter of the revised Statutes viz: "Every surveyor shall render an account of the tax to him committed, and pay over the ballance not expended on the highways, to the Selectmen agreeably to the requirement of his warrant."

The accounts of the Selectmen were duly and properly vouched and correctly cast.

CLARK HOUGH,
JOHN WOOD,
Wm. R. BARRON. } Auditors.

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